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### **Methods to Improve Test Results at the Adult Correctional Institute**

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#### Abstract

At the RIDOC inmates are often tested for diseases such as Hepatitis C and HIV, but there is no unified system to ensure that individuals are told their results. This is a project to improve methods of disclosing test results to prisoners at the RIDOC. By measuring levels of test result disclosure and developing methods for disclosing test results, the study hopes to elicit how we can improve health delivery at the RIDOC.

The specific aims of the study are to identify ways in which to improve test disclosure based upon in-depth interviews that address prisoners experiences in the RIDOC; to identify barriers and facilitators to receiving medical information in the RIDOC; develop a questionnaire based on the above interviews and quantify beliefs in testing, preferences about getting results, and concerns expressed by prisoners; and administer standardized questionnaires to 50 to 100 prisoners